

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the month of FEBRUARY, 1948.

Issued by the Government Statistician (Mr. R.J.Little), Perth, 8/4/48.

This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages; Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Construction; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Retail Prices Index; Employment; Unemployment Benefits; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1947 was estimated to be 506,400, comprising 260,000 Males and 246,400 Females.

On the 30th June, 1947, the population of the Metropolitan Area was 272,586.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	JANUARY		Year ended DECEMBER	
	1948	1947	1947	1946
Marriages No.	469	527	5,282	5,171
*Rate per 1000 of population	10.93	12.44	10.51	10.46
Births No.	1,064	1,379	12,874	12,105
*Rate per 1000 of population	24.79	32.56	25.61	24.49
Deaths No.	367	374	4,723	4,753
*Rate per 1000 of population	8.55	8.83	9.40	9.61
Infant Mortality No.	28	33	398	376
Rate per 1000 Live Births	26.32	23.93	30.92	31.06
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	16	17	141	170
Cancer	54	41	594	549
Influenza	-	-	9	15
Diphtheria	2	-	8	11
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	32	36	423	397
Arteriosclerosis	6	18	164	173
Diseases of the Heart	110	96	1,367	1,300
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia	9	26	278	321
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	2	3	36	28
Nephritis	8	13	182	170
Diseases of Early Infancy	18	20	204	210
Senility	5	13	118	122
Accidents	27	24	300	301
All Other Causes	78	67	899	986
TOTAL	367	374	4,723	4,753

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the two months ended February totalled 132,982 acres, an increase of 44,632 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 558,180 acres, a decrease of 1,457,028 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of FEBRUARY		8 Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	1,303,920	1,152,756	10,522,796	8,905,019
Revenue per Head of Population	£2.11.5d.	£2.6.2d.	£20.16.7d.	£17.18.4d.
Expenditure	1,360,036	1,145,256	11,401,755	9,609,166
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£2.13.7d.	£2.5.10d.	£22.11.5d.	£19.6.8d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 29th February amounted to £35,726,833, or £70.7.8d. per head of population as against £36,541,295 or £73.1.8d. per head as at the 28th February last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

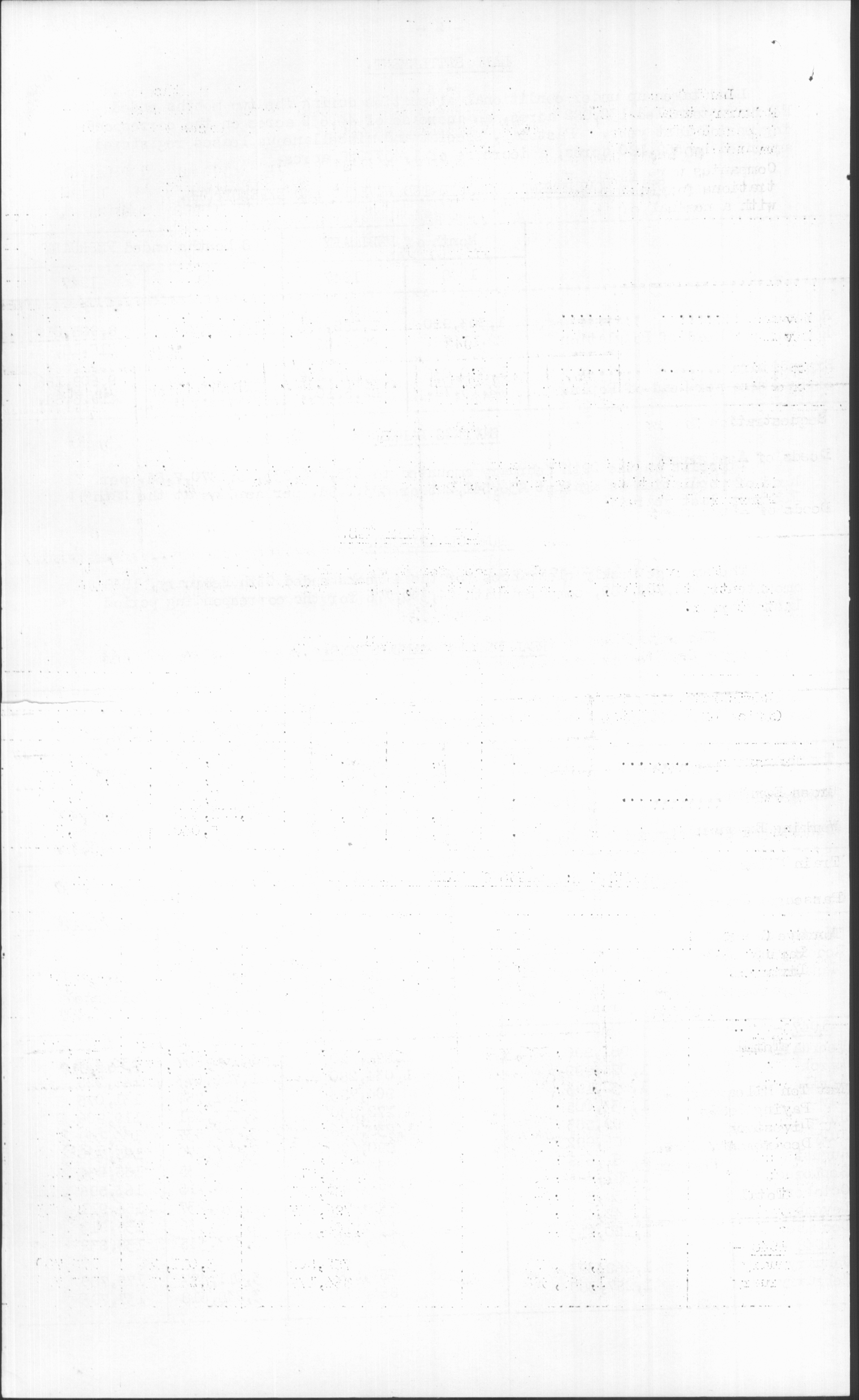
The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 25th February, 1948 amounted to £5,700,489, compared with £4,399,776 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		FEBRUARY		8 Months ended FEBRUARY	
		1948	1947	1948	1947
Transfers	{ No.	1,180	1,459	11,509	12,249
	{ £	669,479	735,055	5,805,729	6,228,931
Mortgages	{ No.	684	841	7,100	7,036
	{ £	616,854	850,456	6,591,315	6,042,756
Discharges of Mortgages	{ No.	1,328	737	7,040	6,323

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns.	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
<u>1947 --</u>	£	£	£	£
February	981,890	1,571,910	2,100,827	130,422
March	1,025,999	1,034,280	1,706,073	148,225
April	1,032,193	904,783	2,181,750	131,075
May	1,133,005	1,172,830	2,513,691	119,906
June	999,553	1,235,966	3,085,537	134,149
July	986,992	890,625	2,815,570	125,720
August	1,181,616	934,743	2,284,635	155,234
September	1,381,485	1,062,710	3,286,715	163,596
October	1,238,310	854,181	2,878,237	156,911
November	1,142,486	796,547	2,541,336	135,913
December	1,120,213	1,104,042	3,833,345	138,832
<u>1948 --</u>				
January	1,269,393	752,509	3,011,477	175,780
February	1,257,388	864,177	3,248,518	137,796



COMPANIES REGISTERED.

80 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,367,500 and 33 Foreign Companies were registered during the eight months ended February, 1948. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 62 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,222,000 and 31 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	8 Months ended FEBRUARY					
	1948			1947		
	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £
Sequestration Orders	8	20,123	2,545	15	14,568	3,523
Deeds of Assignment (a)	6	12,771	10,204	7	12,327	9,023
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows :-

	JANUARY		7 Months ended JANUARY	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Gross Earnings (£	413,260	377,000	2,724,560	2,291,200
Working Expenses (£	452,154	359,135	3,043,667	2,453,428
Train Miles Run	611,643	611,536	4,309,479	3,749,937
Passenger Journeys	(a)	1,010,269	(a)	7,694,254
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	243,112	232,729	1,540,282	1,292,989
Livestock	10,715	13,407	106,072	93,452
Departmental (Free Freight)	31,559	39,568	340,199	295,469
Total	285,386	285,704	1,986,553	1,681,910
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	33,646,931	31,352,981	226,170,427	178,763,913
Livestock	1,180,062	1,625,998	13,130,169	11,854,933
Departmental (Free Freight)	5,186,060	6,014,418	55,960,000	46,941,184
Total	40,013,053	38,993,397	295,260,596	237,560,030

(a) Not available.

Period	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046	2047	2048	2049	2050	2051	2052	2053	2054	2055	2056	2057	2058	2059	2060	2061	2062	2063	2064	2065	2066	2067	2068	2069	2070	2071	2072	2073	2074	2075	2076	2077	2078	2079	2080	2081	2082	2083	2084	2085	2086	2087	2088	2089	2090	2091	2092	2093	2094	2095	2096	2097	2098	2099	2100	2101	2102	2103	2104	2105	2106	2107	2108	2109	2110	2111	2112	2113	2114	2115	2116	2117	2118	2119	2120	2121	2122	2123	2124	2125	2126	2127	2128	2129	2130	2131	2132	2133	2134	2135	2136	2137	2138	2139	2140	2141	2142	2143	2144	2145	2146	2147	2148	2149	2150	2151	2152	2153	2154	2155	2156	2157	2158	2159	2160	2161	2162	2163	2164	2165	2166	2167	2168	2169	2170	2171	2172	2173	2174	2175	2176	2177	2178	2179	2180	2181	2182	2183	2184	2185	2186	2187	2188	2189	2190	2191	2192	2193	2194	2195	2196	2197	2198	2199	2200	2201	2202	2203	2204	2205	2206	2207	2208	2209	2210	2211	2212	2213	2214	2215	2216	2217	2218	2219	2220	2221	2222	2223	2224	2225	2226	2227	2228	2229	2230	2231	2232	2233	2234	2235	2236	2237	2238	2239	2240	2241	2242	2243	2244	2245	2246	2247	2248	2249	2250	2251	2252	2253	2254	2255	2256	2257	2258	2259	2260	2261	2262	2263	2264	2265	2266	2267	2268	2269	2270	2271	2272	2273	2274	2275	2276	2277	2278	2279	2280	2281	2282	2283	2284	2285	2286	2287	2288	2289	2290	2291	2292	2293	2294	2295	2296	2297	2298	2299	2300	2301	2302	2303	2304	2305	2306	2307	2308	2309	2310	2311	2312	2313	2314	2315	2316	2317	2318	2319	2320	2321	2322	2323	2324	2325	2326	2327	2328	2329	2330	2331	2332	2333	2334	2335	2336	2337	2338	2339	2340	2341	2342	2343	2344	2345	2346	2347	2348	2349	2350	2351	2352
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MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1946	536	328	11	422	637	718	16	513
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
1948 -								
January	74	27	1	49	140	124	5	80

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGNS.)*

Date (As at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1946 -</u>								
June	19,214	7,989	204	4,295	31,316	28,147	309	6,794
December	19,770	8,878	243	4,709	31,777	30,096	319	7,324
<u>1947 -</u>								
June	20,522	9,467	255	5,290	32,793	31,382	331	8,196
July	20,210	9,251	255	4,599	31,460	28,627	350	6,641
August	20,471	9,420	244	4,791	32,498	30,881	349	7,159
September	20,739	9,558	244	4,969	33,026	31,668	350	7,476
October	20,980	9,763	251	5,065	33,361	32,164	357	7,725
November	21,063	9,806	260	5,165	33,638	32,755	366	8,005
Dec. (a)	21,425	10,075	271	5,321	34,096	33,210	379	8,213

(a) Revised since previous issue.

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for December, 1947 - 100 Cars; 413 Wagons, Vans, etc; 6 Buses and 3 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, January, 1948 and 1947, and 7 Months ending January, 1948 and 1947, expressed in terms of Australian Currency.

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	JANUARY		7 Months ended JANUARY		JANUARY		7 Months ended JANUARY	
	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
	(£A1,000)		(£A1,000)		(£A1,000)		(£A1,000)	
Oversea	1,577	959	8,981	5,369	4,465	2,264	24,776	11,809
Interstate	1,881	2,510	15,240	12,217	430	604	3,665	2,171
TOTAL	3,458	3,469	24,221	17,586	4,895	2,868	28,441	13,980

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BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Houses & Other Dwellings (a)		Factories		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
March Qr. 1946	206	168	7	5	26	21	239	194
June Qr., 1946	295	271	15	41	35	40	345	352
Sept. Qr. 1946	364	337	14	20	44	59	422	416
Dec. Qr., 1946	451	445	16	16	40	72	507	533
March Qr. 1947	412	423	7	8	50	131	469	562
June Qr., 1947	483	515	8	5	32	35	523	555
Sept. Qr. 1947	670	699	9	17	40	66	719	782
Dec. Qr., 1947	680	743	13	34	42	95	735	872

(a) Excluding Owner-built Dwellings.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Excluding Owner-Built Homes)

Note: Monthly figures are preliminary only.

Period	Number Completed				
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.	Wood or Mainly Wood	Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement	Other	Total
<u>1946 -</u>					
March Qr.	75	35	37	56	203
June Qr.	124	37	68	66	295
Sept. Qr.	144	64	94	62	364
Dec. Qr.	229	38	140	40	447
Total 1946	572	174	339	224	1,309
<u>1947 -</u>					
March Qr.	201	31	139	39	410
June Qr.	259	43	163	15	480
Sept. Qr.	302	77	285	3	667
Dec. Qr.	326	86	263	2	677
Total 1947	1,088	237	850	59	2,234
<u>1948 -</u>					
January - Month	61	8	49	-	118
February "	87	17	86	1	191

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,114,672 lbs. were produced during January, 1948 and 13,028,921 lbs. for the seven months ended January, 1948, as against 929,700 lbs. and 11,010,787 lbs., respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1947.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	FEBRUARY		2 Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Quantity Fine Oz.	40,424	52,086	95,365	114,831
Value (Aust. Currency) £	435,064	560,576	1,026,468	1,235,874

Dividends Reported by Gold Mining Companies for the 2 months ended February, 1948 amounted to £39,062. Dividends Reported for the corresponding period for 1947 were £32,812.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

	FEBRUARY		8 Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Food and Groceries -				
Metropolitan Area	1202	1064	1141	1056
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1342	1195	1282	1189
Northam	1221	1079	1164	1071
Bunbury	1209	1062	1149	1055
Geraldton	1231	1088	1172	1080
Collie	1211	1078	1162	1070

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1947 -</u>			
January	100,807	34,392	135,199
February	101,861	34,815	136,676
March	102,999	35,339	138,338
April	102,697	35,266	137,963
May	103,356	35,479	138,835
June	103,935	35,542	139,477
July	104,271	35,640	139,911
August	104,124	35,816	139,940
September	105,208	35,888	141,096
October	105,646	35,924	141,570
November	105,849	36,308	142,157
December	106,764	36,645	143,409
<u>1948 -</u>			
January	106,732	36,366	143,098

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1944	1945	1946(a)	1947(a)	1948	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
January	137	142	145	162	170	826	870	995	1134	1233
February	138	142	148	163		824	868	1016	1138	
March	139	144	151	163		825	877	1045	1145	
April	139	144	153	162		827	876	1051	1144	
May	140	144	154	164		832	891	1069	1151	
June	139	145	154	165		829	903	1087	1153	
July	140	146	156(a)	165		832	899	1096	1168	
August	140	145	157	166		832	897	1109	1181	
Sept.	140	143	158	168		834	914	1114	1172	
October	140	141	161	167		837	929	1118	1184	
November	141	141	160	167		851	965	1133	1215	
December	142	145	161	168		886	1012	1165	1267	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1946 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

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UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician)

Month	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit End of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1947 -									
January	483	8	491	668	17	685	1,001	26	1,027
February	396	12	408	559	15	574	838	23	861
March	459	13	472	549	13	562	748	23	771
April	342	3	345	314	8	322	776	18	794
May	454	11	465	481	15	496	749	14	763
June	347	10	357	352	7	359	744	17	761
July (a)	404	12	416	366	14	380	782	15	797
Aug. (a)	355	10	365	538	10	548	599	15	614
Sep. (a)	181	5	186	286	5	291	494	15	509
Oct. (a)	179	6	185	233	5	238	440	16	456
Nov. (a)	175	12	187	249	10	259	366	18	384
December	185	7	192	132	10	142	419	15	434

(a) Subject to Revision.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

	FEBRUARY		8 Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	18,030	16,306	147,540	130,269
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	16,602	14,202	126,415	111,247

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
February, 1948	4,481	219	49,691	10,350
February, 1947	4,709	303	71,288	12,119
2 Months ended February, 1948	9,909	498	113,200	20,094
2 Months ended February, 1947	9,296	600	158,504	25,409

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Table 1: Summary of Data									
Category	Item 1	Item 2	Item 3	Item 4	Item 5	Item 6	Item 7	Item 8	Item 9
A	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900
B	150	250	350	450	550	650	750	850	950
C	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	1000
D	250	350	450	550	650	750	850	950	1050
E	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	1000	1100
F	350	450	550	650	750	850	950	1050	1150
G	400	500	600	700	800	900	1000	1100	1200
H	450	550	650	750	850	950	1050	1150	1250
I	500	600	700	800	900	1000	1100	1200	1300
J	550	650	750	850	950	1050	1150	1250	1350

Table 2: Detailed Data									
Category	Item 1	Item 2	Item 3	Item 4	Item 5	Item 6	Item 7	Item 8	Item 9
A	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900
B	150	250	350	450	550	650	750	850	950
C	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	1000
D	250	350	450	550	650	750	850	950	1050
E	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	1000	1100
F	350	450	550	650	750	850	950	1050	1150
G	400	500	600	700	800	900	1000	1100	1200
H	450	550	650	750	850	950	1050	1150	1250
I	500	600	700	800	900	1000	1100	1200	1300
J	550	650	750	850	950	1050	1150	1250	1350